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1. Cochran opposes US-Dutch economic consultation--US Representative Cochran in The Hague recommends that Dutch ECA Commissioner Hirschfeld not visit Washington to discuss proposed Netherlands economic and financial policy at the forthcoming Hague round table conference on Indonesia. Cochran points out that such a move would have "disastrous" consequences, because the discussions could not be kept secret and would be interpreted by the Indonesians as US support of the Dutch. Cochran believes that such discussions would lead the Indonesians to feel the US had established a policy which Cochran as a US official would have to follow, thus impairing his usefulness as a completely objective UN representative at the Hague conference.
2. US views on division of ECA aid--The Department of State has instructed US representatives in the ECA nations that, in response to pleas for US aid in warding off proposed reductions in ECA allocations, they should point out that: (a) continued emphasis on European initiative and responsibility for the success of the European recovery program is of major importance; (b) the recovery program has been based on the principle that the participants themselves must make the initial recommendations for division of US aid; and (c) the success of the program will be prejudiced if individual countries are allowed to bypass the Organization for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC) or obtain special treatment through representations directly to the US. The Department adds that the current reductions are in line with the premise that US aid would be gradually reduced and that the US will follow OEEC recommendations to the fullest possible extent.

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